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COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THEIR POLICIES REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF PLUTONIUM

1. The Director General has received a note verbale, dated 16 April 1998, from the Permanent Mission to the IAEA of Germany. In keeping with Germany's commitment under the Guidelines for the Management of Plutonium (contained in INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998 and hereinafter referred to as the "Guidelines"), and with reference to the statement on the policies which the Government of Germany has decided to apply to the management of plutonium (contained in INFCIRC/549/Add. 2, the Government of Germany, in the enclosure of the note verbale of 16 April 1998, makes available a statement on the annual figures for holdings of civil unirradiated plutonium.

2. In light of the request expressed by Germany in its note verbale of 1 December 1997 concerning its policies regarding the management of plutonium (INFCIRC/549 of 16 March 1998), the text of the enclosure of the note verbale of 16 April 1998 is attached for the information of all Member States.

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ANNUAL FIGURES FOR HOLDINGS OF CIVIL UNIRRADIATED PLUTONIUM

National Totals

		31.12.1997 in tonnes	(31.12.1996) in tonnes
1	Unirradiated separated plutonium in product stores at reprocessing plants	0.0	(0.0)
2	Unirradiated separated plutonium in the course of manufacture or fabrication and plutonium contained in unirradiated semi-fabricated or unfinished products at fuel or other fabricating plants or elsewhere	0.3	(0.4)
3	Plutonium contained in unirradiated MOX fuel or other fabricated products at reactor sites or elsewhere	3.9	(2.7)
4	Unirradiated separated plutonium held elsewhere	1.8	(1.8)

Note:

(i) Plutonium included in lines 1-4 above belonging to foreign bodies

(ii) Plutonium in any of the forms in lines 1-4 above held in locations in other countries and therefore not included above

(iii) Plutonium included in lines 1-4 above which is in international shipment prior to its arrival in the recipient State — 0.0 — (0.0)